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## Meany, Stevenson at IAM Convention

### REPORT

To Our Readers - Owners

#### HAYES 'MORALISTIC'

Those of us who had the good fortune to hear A. J. Hayes, general president of the Machinists, talk at the Press & Union League Club in San Francisco, heard a sincere man who, as he said, is willing to be called "moralistic" in his discussion of public affairs. Since he's the chairman of the AFL-CIO Ethical Practices Committee, we all ought to be glad that he is "moralistic."

Hayes pointed out that when we get rid of the old-fashioned political bosses and turn over political affairs to public relations firms, such as Whitaker & Baxter, "we are no longer dealing with realities, but with figments of the imagination of smart promoters, who are experts in the art of verbal make-up. For they really perform the same functions as the studio crews in Hollywood, the make-up artists, the man on lights."

#### 'KISSABLE KETCHUP'

Hayes' statement brings to mind a story in the Wall Street Journal quoted by the St. Louis Labor Tribune, telling how "advertising agencies help companies select sales-winning names" for their products. "For instance, Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne has just handed Revlon, Inc., new lipstick names including 'Red, Willing, and Able,' 'Kissable Ketchup,' and 'Reddy for Love.'"

The special significance of this, as the St. Louis paper says, is that "Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne is the advertising agency which thinks up the most slogans for the Republican Party and its candidates. It goes at the political job the same way it picks up 'sales-winning' names for lipsticks, soap, or any other product."

It's true there's been bunk in political campaigns ever since the founding of the republic. That's like saying we've always had wars, and ignoring the dread potentialities of the atomic bomb, for the new political pressagentry is bringing in new dimensions of hokum.

#### BANDWAGON BALLOONS

Take these celebrated "bandwagons" with which Ike and Tricky Dick are being pressagented. The present writer saw the first performance of one of them here in Oakland. If BBD&O are correct in thinking that sort of stuff goes down best with the American public, then this country is in for some tough times.

The young men and women from the "bandwagon" with bicycles decked in red white and blue careering around the streets, the girls with plunging necklines and dresses besmeared with the magic word IKE and the men looking and doubtless feeling silly — so that's this famous "high road" which Smile & Smear are going to travel in their campaign?

Then the balloons. The GOP "Kissable Ketchup" promoters seem to feel that if you turn loose enough balloons filled with hot air, the American voter is with you. Both at the San Francisco convention and the Oakland performance of the "bandwagon" there was this hope unjustified confidence that balloons will settle the issue.

### OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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### Let's Take a Long, Hard Look



### Childers and Curry Campaign For Transit Board Under Way

Building Trades Council unions and other labor groups were this week proceeding with the drive to elect J. L. Childers and James W. Curry on November 6 as directors of the East Bay Rapid Transit District. Childers is business representative of the BTC and Curry is business representative of Millwrights 102.

The BTC delegates feel that it is very important to have labor men on the directorship. If the voters decide to authorize the setting up of the East Bay Rapid Transit District, that will be a big first step toward establishing the larger and inclusive Bay Area Rapid Transit District. This larger project at the very lowest estimate will cost \$586,000,000, and may run as high as \$716,500,000 if maximum plans are carried out.

At the election November 6 the voters will decide: 1. Whether the East Bay Rapid Transit District is to be set up; 2. Who the directors are to be in case it is set up.

If the East Bay Transit District is set up, the elected directors will then have the duty of deciding what steps are to be taken to establish rapid transit in the East Bay, in Alameda and Contra Costa counties. Presumably they will bear in mind the major plan that has been proposed for the 9 Bay Area counties, and will in effect, as one man put it, "establish an interim facility" until the larger plan is launched. But if the larger plan falls to get under way, at least the East Bay will be working out improvements in its own transit arrangements.

Clare MacLeod, a resident of Piedmont and formerly Mayor of that city, a commerce attorney with offices in San Francisco, told East Bay Labor Journal that he was very much pleased to hear that Childers and Curry were entering for directorships.

MacLeod had previously written to the two labor men, telling them that their names had been suggested as candidates. MacLeod is chairman of the organizing committee for the proposed East Bay Rapid Transit Commission.

MacLeod told East Bay Labor Journal: "It is very important to have labor men on the proposed board of directors. This project needs the support of all elements of the community, and labor is a very important element in the community. We worked very closely with Vern Stambaugh of the union representing the Key System employees when we were drawing up the plans for the East Bay Rapid Transit District, and getting the approval of the

#### JOURNAL IS THANKED FOR CARPENTER STRIKE HELP

Carpenters Local Union 36 wishes to take this opportunity to thank East Bay Labor Journal for its very fine support and work in helping us win our strike against the employers during the past month. We wish to thank you and your very fine organization for the many things that you did in order that we could consummate this agreement.

Fraternally yours,  
OSCAR N. ANDERSON,  
Recording Secretary

### Paper Local Deals Rapped by AFL-CIO; One Dealer Jailed

The AFL-CIO Executive Council, on the same day Johnny Dio was held in \$100,000 bail in New York in alleged connection with the acid-blinding of Victor Riesel the labor columnist, adopted a statement denouncing "paper locals," that is, local unions chartered for corrupt purposes.

"A local union charter improperly issued," said the AFL-CIO statement, "can be used to control a local union vote, which negates the legitimate unit vote of bona fide local unions and thus subverts the democratic process within the trade union movement at various levels."

Dio for a time was a regional director of the old AFL United Auto Workers—not to be confused with the old CIO United Auto Workers. The old AFL-UAW, which now has another name, Allied Industrial Workers, and has been given grim warning by the AFL-CIO to clean up or get out, gave Dio control of six locals.

Recently when Teamsters International Vice President Jim Hoffa was trying to get control of the New York Joint Council of the Teamsters, the charge was made by the group Hoffa sought to overthrow that Dio had worked with John J. O'Rourke, Hoffa's candidate for the presidency of the council, to pack with votes of "paper locals" the election for the council presidency.

At that time O'Rourke defended Dio, declaring he had been a friend of Dio's for 35 years. Earlier it had been brought out that Hoffa and Dio had conferred in a New York hotel.

Dave Beck, general president of the Teamsters, said it was not within his power to interfere with Dio's election.

### Weissburg, Allen Election Urged by Labor on Monday

This coming Monday, September 17, is the date of the election for directors of the Ora Loma Sanitary District. The Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL urgently reminds all residents of the district that the League has unanimously endorsed the candidacy of David Allen and E. Stanley Weissburg.

Floyd Attaway, president of the League, states that the endorsements were made after a specially called meeting in Hayward at which all four candidates for the two vacancies on the board of directors were invited to speak.

After the candidates had outlined their attitudes and policies, they were submitted to an hour-long questioning period by a committee of 13 members.

Both Allen and Weissburg, said a League statement, have excellent civic records. The manager of the sanitary district aroused some indignation by suggesting that no regular election should be held to fill the two places on the board, and that the incumbents should not be challenged, on the ground that this would save the expense of an election. The challengers are Allen and Weissburg.

Robert Taylor, business representative of Chauffeurs 923, a trustee of Hayward Union High School District, and a director of various civic organizations in the southern end of the county, wrote an indignant letter to one of the papers there protesting against this attitude.

"I know what the public thinks of appointments in lieu of elections," wrote Taylor, "because I remember the overwhelming defeat of the recent propositions to make county offices appointive instead of elective."

#### CLC MEETINGS RESUMED MONDAY AFTER HOLIDAYS

The Central Labor Council will resume Monday, September 17, its regular meeting schedule.

Two meetings were canceled, one for the Labor Day, and one for the Admission Day holiday.

### Flint Glass Union Wins Settlement

Flint Glass Workers Local 66 members, who recently went on strike against Owens-Illinois, Hazel-Atlas, and the United Can & Glass Co., were back at work this week.

A settlement had been reached through national negotiations.

### Labor Meeting to Choose Candidates

Delegates from AFL units in all parts of the State assembled in San Francisco today (Friday) for the pre-election endorsement convention of the California Labor League for Political Education.

President Thomas L. Pitts was calling the meeting to order in California hall.

### Childers Explains Labor to Kiwanis

J. L. Childers, business representative, Building Trades Council, talked on "Principles and Aims of Labor Today" at a recent luncheon of the Oakland Kiwanis Club at the Hotel Leamington.

Childers discussed labor's collective bargaining, cooperation with community organizations, and political activity.

Garden Show  
The California Garden Show will be open at the Oakland Exposition Building and grounds, September 21 through 28 from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily including Sunday.

### Merger Doing Well, Says Pres. Meany

AFL-CIO President George Meany was introduced to the Machinists' convention by IAM President Al Hayes as "a very practical trade unionist, one of those responsible for the fact that our organization is again affiliated with the Federation, also responsible to a marked degree for the improvement of our relationships with a large number of other unions in the Federation; he is our kind of man."

Meany made it plain that the new challenge to labor is on the political field. He said that throughout its history the labor movement "had to accept the challenge wherever the challenge was laid down. When they tried to starve us out, when they used the company union, company injunction, company spies, company guards and everything else that went with it—we met the challenge."

"All of these things now perhaps are in the past but we still have the challenge in another form. This challenge comes from the fact that those who will toy with the idea that America would be better off without trade unions, that small but powerful minority who live in the hopes of destroying our movement, have placed all of their eggs in one basket, and that is in legislative action to hamstring, to render impotent and if possible to destroy the trade union movement."

"In meeting that challenge we must, without question, go into the field of political action to a greater degree than we have ever done before."

#### RAPS HEARST

Meany then took on the San Francisco Examiner for its comment on the AFL-CIO Executive Council's endorsement of Stevenson and Kefauver. He said:

"There was an editorial in one of the Hearst papers in which it referred to the action of the Executive Council as insolence and arrogance—that we were insolent and arrogant in attempting to advise our members how they should vote. That is rather strange coming from a newspaper on its editorial page because, if I recall correctly, during the 12 years of a man who was to me the greatest American in our century, Franklin D. Roosevelt, 93% of the newspapers of this great country had the insolence and arrogance to advise their readers on the editorial page to vote again Mr. Roosevelt."

"It seems to be all right for these little men in big places, these little men in positions where they own an instrument that can be useful in swaying public opinion and in some cases an instrument that they did not work to create—these people who become endowed statesmen when they inherit a newspaper—it is all right for them, but there is something wrong, something insolent and arrogant for the leaders of an organization of workers to advise their members as to how they think they should vote and give that advice with a definite qualification, publicly expressed, that no labor leader worth his salt claims to control the vote of anyone but himself."

Meany in speaking of "these people who become endowed statesmen when they inherit a newspaper" was assumed to be referring to the fact that the present William Randolph Hearst inherited the Examiner from his father, the previous William Randolph Hearst, who in turn inherited "the monarch of the dailies" from his father, George Hearst, who made a fortune in mining and bought the Examiner to further his political ambitions to get the seat in the U. S. Senate which he held for some time.

#### THE MERGER WORKS

Speaking of the trade union movement's recent progress, Meany said:

"The merger is working well. We do have problems. We knew when we went into this merger that we would have problems, but we went into the merger in a spirit of good faith, deter-

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### Stevenson Deeply Moved by Ovation At IAM Gathering

Representatives of East Bay Labor Journal witnessed a historic and thrilling spectacle at the Machinists' convention in San Francisco last week.

They saw something that had never happened before in the history of the United States—candidates for President and Vice President appear together and speak before a great public gathering.

And they saw something else—what was surely one of the very greatest spontaneous ovations ever given to candidates in the history of the country. IAM President Al Hayes, after standing on the rostrum for some 15 minutes watching and listening to the demonstration finally swung a haymaker with the gavel and declared that while he was no Sam Rayburn, if this thing kept up, he'd make a mighty good stab at it.

But it took still more minutes to get the delegates quieted down. Waving the placards of their States they put on a demonstration in the aisles that made it look as though it were a Democratic Party convention. And if there had happened to be a band there, it would have taken all of President Hayes' Rayburnian technique to get the uproar quieted down within any reasonable time.

#### THE TRIB TRIED!

After the uproar did subside, President Hayes remarked that if anyone thought that this demonstration was anything but spontaneous or that it was organized, that person would be making a big mistake. He added that if anyone thought that members of the Machinists Union were ordered to vote for anyone, that person would also be making a big mistake.

The Oakland Tribune tried to make political capital out of this remark by Hayes, published a box headed "Support Undecided," casting the implication that the Machinists didn't know whether or not they were for Stevenson and Kefauver.

The next day after the Tribune ran its wishful thinking box, the convention dispelled all pretended doubt the Trib management might have had by unanimously endorsing Stevenson and Kefauver. One delegate declared on the floor that "cold indifference" had been shown by the Republicans to an invitation to send a top spokesman to the convention. Stevenson drew a laugh from the delegates when he said that if the prolonged ovation was an unorganized demonstration, he was curious to see what an organized one put on by the Machinists would be like.

But although his famous wit thus rose to the occasion, it was plain that he was deeply moved.

When Stevenson said that he especially proud of the ovation given him because his three sons were there to hear it, there were loud cries of "Where are they?" and so they were brought forward and introduced: Adlai Jr., 25, a former platoon leader in the Marines; Borden, 24, just returned from the South Pacific, who had just been promoted to "exalted private first class"; and John 20, a college student. Mrs. Ives Adlai's sister, was also introduced.

Kefauver in a brief talk said that he enjoyed very much campaigning with Adlai, but that he began to feel he "needed more vitamins to keep up with him." He declared that Stevenson "means what he says," and that this is true of the Democratic Party in general.

"The Democratic Party," said the candidate for Vice President, is not a party of charts and statistics, but a party of and for human beings."

The convention issue of the Machinist, weekly official publication of the IAM, publishes a picture of the Convention Host Committee showing John J. Schiavenza, Lodge 1566; Anthony Ballerini, Lodge 1327, committee chairman; E. H. Ver-

non, Lodge 1546; John P. Andersen, Lodge 1305; Emmett Campion, Lodge 1327; Arthur Spriggs, Lodge 68; John Snider, District 727; P. A. Thompson, District 115, and J. E. Clark, Lodge 1546.

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### Adlai Speech To Machinist Convention

Adlai Stevenson, Democratic candidate for President, was introduced to the Machinists' convention by IAM President Al Hayes as "a great American, an outstanding world figure."

Stevenson, before he got down to the serious business of analyzing what he called the Republicans' "leap year liberalism," amused his audience with a description of "another convention held here in San Francisco two weeks ago." He said that in watching that GOP convention on TV, "I wasn't sure, frankly, whether it was a convention or a coronation," adding that "there is significant irony in the fact that they held the convention in a building (the Cow Palace) built under a WPA program which their political ancestors voted against almost to a man."

Twitting the GOP on the stunts staged at its convention, Stevenson said:

"I saw a movie star mumbling some words from a script. They weren't from the Bill of Rights."

"Then I saw a glee-club singing a song about a clambake—but there were no verses about amending the Taft-Hartley Act."

"I saw 124 pom-pom girls dancing in the aisles—which I assume was for the benefit of the small farmers and business men."

"Finally, I saw a cheer leader jumping around on the floor trying to whip up enthusiasm with about the same success as an eggbeater in a bowl of ice cubes."

He said all this fanfare reminded him of the "old Roman Emperors' political formula of bread and circuses. Well, it didn't save Rome and I don't think it will save the Republicans."

Stevenson pointed out that "your own newspaper, the Machinist, has been keeping the record, which shows that Senator Kefauver, the Democratic candidate for Vice President, 'has been right for the Machinist on every vote,' while 'the Republican Senators and Congressmen who cheered the President's speech, voted against these same things in the Congress.'"

#### KNOWLAND RECORD

Stevenson then took on Senator Knowland of California:

"At a workers' conference in Washington on April 23 of this year Senator Knowland was asked a direct, straightforward question: 'Would you support a bill to reduce the retirement age for women and to include a disability payment for totally disabled workers?' His reply was flat and unequivocal: 'Yes, I would support such legislation.' But what did he do? Senator Knowland not only voted against this disability provision himself—he also, as Senate Republican leader, directed the unsuccessful Republican drive to kill this vital measure."

Stevenson added that in "the key test, the Senate vote on the disability amendment, 85 percent of the Democratic members voted for the interest of the disabled worker, while 88 percent of the Republican members voted against those interests."

The candidate for President, still referring to the record of votes in Congress as shown in the Machinist, said that "the list shows an interest in our Government not just as work-with him," but as fathers and mothers, as taxpayers, as consumers, as citizens with high idealism and a sense of justice. The list covers almost the whole range of American politics: taxes, social security, housing, highways, the farm problem, national defense, atomic power.

"It is by examining the record of the parties on specific issues like these, and not by listening to election year platitudes, that we truly learn which party has a vision for the future, which party has in it the strength, the determination, and, yes, the compassion, to build a New America."

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## Watchmakers Told Of a Good Course

By GEORGE F. ALLEN

We are at present in negotiations with the larger employers relative to reopening of the San Francisco-Bay Area contracts which expire October 15. The outcome of these negotiations will be reported to the membership at their membership meeting September 27. This will be a MUST ATTEND meeting for the members.

We had a telephone call from Brother Gil West, instructor of the watch repair class at John O'Connell Vocational High School, at which time he expressed his disappointment at the lack of interest and attendance at the night class we recently wrote about. For the information of those members who did not read this article, we shall rewrite the information contained in that article.

An evening course in watch repair started at the above institute which is located at 22nd and Harrison Sts., San Francisco, Wednesday, September 5. The course is an advanced and review course and covers the field on all subjects of watch repair. Detailed information can be obtained by calling the union office or contacting Brother West personally at the school.

We sincerely believe that this course would benefit anyone who attends this class, especially the young journeymen and apprentices.

We hope our next report from Brother West will be to the effect that a marked increase in attendance has taken place.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The next executive board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 20th at 7 p.m.—Union Office.

## IAM Auxiliary 97 Makes Its Report

By Press Correspondent

The last August meeting of IAM Ladies Auxiliary 97 was devoted entirely to practice for the convention. Also President Naomi Vercelli called a special meeting on the last Tuesday of the month for final instructions.

Our sympathy to sister Trudy Singleton in the loss of her mother Mrs. Harry Benson who recently passed on.

Our congratulations to Sister Jennie and Brother Vince Cortezzo who recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They had a large garden party. I believe the attendance was eighty people and several of our members who were there reported a wonderful time was had by all.

Sister Tillie Bartmess spent a week in Vallejo recently and had a grand time. Sister Pauline and Brother Tony Tomsie are on their vacation. Sister Eva Hare is off for two weeks vacation in Yosemite and then points South. President Naomi is planning a trip to Truckee for the christening of her first grandson.

Did anyone know that our first auxiliary was founded in Port Huron, Michigan in 1902? Or that Mrs. Hugh Doran of Chicago was the founder? I didn't. Our first Grand Lodge meeting was held in Boston. And do you know our motto? No. Well it is: "When women put their shoulder to the wheel their aid is of the strongest deal."

Remember to register and vote. See you at the convention.

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## Steamfitters 342: Training Classes

By JIM MARTIN

**SKILLED IMPROVEMENT**  
The Skilled Improvement Committee wishes to announce to the membership of Steamfitters Local Union 342 that the following courses will be presented beginning in September. A circular letter will be mailed at a later date giving more detailed particulars.

1—Arc and Acetylene Welding Class, including layout procedure, to be held at Mt. Diablo Evening High School, Concord, Calif. Classes to be on Mondays, 7 to 10 p.m. First class, Monday, Sept. 17, at which time registration will be held. Registration fee, \$1.

2—Instrument Installation and Piping Classes, a. Alameda area—class to be held at Laney Evening Trade and Technical Institute of Oakland Junior College, 1024 Third Avenue, Oakland 6, Calif. Classes to be on Tuesdays, 7 to 10 p.m. First class, Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration held August 27, 28, 29, 30 and September 4, 5 and 6, from 12:30 to 9 p.m. Registration fee of \$2.

b. Richmond and San Pablo area—class to be held at West Campus, C.C.J.C., located at new site at the base of "Tank Farm Hill," San Pablo. Address—2801 Castro road, San Pablo, Calif. Classes to be held on Wednesday evenings, 7 to 9:40 p.m. First class, Wednesday Sept. 12, in room H-9. Registration will be held the first night in the classroom.

c. Concord area—class to be held at East Campus C.C.J.C., Golf Links road, Concord. Classes to be held on Mondays, 7 to 9:40 p.m. First class, Monday, Sept. 17, building 12. Registration, Saturday, Sept. 8, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., or first class meeting.

3—Piping Fabrication with Trade Mathematics. (Note: Text to be used on a loan basis are Thomas Franland's "Pipefitters and Pipewelders Handbook" and "Simplified Solution of Piping Offset.")

a. Alameda area—class to be held under Oakland Junior College administration at Roosevelt Junior High School, 1926 19th Avenue, Oakland, Calif. Tuesday evenings, 7 to 10 p.m. First class Tuesday, Sept. 11. Registration to be held in classroom 134 on first class meeting. Registration fee of \$2.

b. Concord area—class to be held at East Campus C.C.J.C., Golf Links road, Concord. Classes to be on Tuesday, 7 to 9:40 p.m. First class Tuesday, Sept. 11, building 12. Registration Saturday, Sept. 8, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. or first class meeting.

The committee regrets that a math class in the Richmond area will not be possible beginning in September; however, a class will be presented at a later date.

## Inquirer Advised To Go Join Union

**WASHINGTON (AFLCIO)**—Three white collar workers probably got the surprise of their lives when they asked Mary Haworth, widely read newspaper columnist, how they could persuade their employer to cut them in on the wage increases a union negotiated for his production workers.

"My first reaction to your letter," replied Miss Haworth, whose column appears in the Washington Post and Times Herald, "is to wonder why you aren't affiliated with a labor union if you are suffering for lack of bargaining power."

The three had explained they were in their upper '50's and had given more than 25 years' service to their employer. With three young women in the office, they are the firm's only non-union workers.

"We haven't been able to convince our employer that costs of the necessities of life have risen to a point," they wrote Miss Haworth, "where we, too, should be given a pay increase, along with union workers."

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## OFFICIAL NOTICES

### To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,  
A. J. HAYES,  
Recording Secretary

### Sheet Metal Workers 216

Death Assessment No. 398 is now due and payable. Brother William G. Marsh, No. 140134, a member of Local No. 108, Los Angeles, passed away on July 24, 1956.

Fraternally,  
LLOYD CHILD,  
Business Representative

### Steamfitters 342

This will advise the membership of Steamfitters Union No. 342 that the meeting of October 4, 1956 will be a special called meeting as the reports of the delegates to the California State Federation of Labor convention and the United Association 27th national convention will be heard. Resolutions pertaining to increasing of dues and election of delegates will also be acted upon at this meeting.

At our last meeting the membership voted to renew the arrangement for handling industrial cases with Attorneys Galliano and Paduck. This assessment is now due and payable.

Please note in another column on this page announcement by Skilled Improvement Committee on courses to be presented in September. The heading is: Steamfitters Notes.

Yours fraternally,  
JIM MARTIN,  
Business Manager and Financial Secretary

### Attention House Painters of District Council No. 16

The Council has found that a great many of the brothers have not reported to their union when they change jobs to secure a job referral slip.

This is a violation of Section 7, Paragraph 12(a) of the Bay Area Agreement.

As of August 23, 1956, the House Painters Locals in the Council are now issuing a TRIPPLICATE CLEARANCE to a job. ONE you give to the Employer, ONE that stays in the Local Union and ONE that every member MUST CARRY on his person to show he was cleared properly to that job.

The Business Representatives who appear on the job to check your working card now have instructions from the District Council to check THIS NEW JOB CLEARANCE that you must have in your possession.

Be sure you have your JOB CLEARANCE in your possession when the Representative comes on the job.

This applies in both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Again I want to remind the brothers to have a paid up working card on the job. You will be removed from the job if you do not have your Card or Clearance Slip.

Fraternally yours,  
DISTRICT COUNCIL OF PAINTERS No. 16,  
FLOYD PEASLEE, Executive Secretary

### Plasterers 112

Your attention is urgently called to Section 20 of our Wages and Working Conditions: "No member of this Local shall drive any truck, carriage, or conveyance, which is a part of the employer's equipment, except by permission of the Business Agent and approval of the Executive Board."

Your attention is also urgently called to Sections 9 and 9b, Article I of our Trade Rules: "No member of this Union shall work at work coming under the jurisdiction of this Union with anyone who is contracting work on a lump sum, piece work, time and material, or cost plus basis, or is furnishing any material or equipment other than hand tools on any job. A minimum fine of \$10.00 shall be assessed for each day's violation of this section; No member of Local No. 112 shall be permitted to work with non-Union men."

Yours fraternally,  
JOSEPH P. EGAN,  
Business Representative

### Cement Masons 594

The regular meeting to be held Thursday, September 20, at 8 p.m. will be a special meeting, the special order of business being action on a resolution which is an addition to our local constitution.

Yours fraternally,  
M. B. DILLASHAW,  
Secretary

### Painters Local Union No. 40

Our next regularly scheduled meeting September 14, has been designated a Special Meeting, called for the purpose of nominating and electing one delegate to the Building Trades Council, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before it. The members of the Executive Board are requested to meet in office at 7:00 p.m. the same evening.

Please make every effort to attend this very important meeting.

Fraternally yours,  
BEN RASNICK,  
Recording Secretary

### Hayward Painters 1178

Again a special meeting of the Local is called for Friday September 21 next; for further discussion concerning a change of insurance carrier for our life insurance policy. There was much discussion about this subject at the meeting of September 7, but no action was taken due to a good competitive offer from another insurance company. Attend the meeting of the 21st and make your own decision as to which of two bids you will accept.

Fraternally yours,  
ROBERT G. MILLER,  
Recording Secretary

### Hayward Culinary Workers and Bartenders 823

The regular meeting will be held at 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, September 18, at the headquarters of Local 823.

Yours fraternally,  
ROY WOODS,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### San Francisco-Oakland Mailers 18

The next regular meeting of San Francisco-Oakland Mailers' Union, No. 18 will be held at Pacific Bldg., 16th and Jefferson Sts., Oakland, California on Sunday afternoon, September 16, 1956 at 1:00 o'clock.

HORACE STAFFORD,  
Acting Secretary

## Journal Queried About Osslo Case Story, Editorial

W. J. Foley, Insurance Agents 219, writes that he is puzzled by both the State Federation statement on the Max J. Osslo case which appeared in the September 7 issue of East Bay Labor Journal, and the editorial on the first page of that issue headed "If Labor Man Active, Send Him to Siberia!"

"Of what crime is Osslo guilty?" asks Foley. "You do not state same in your editorial; neither does the article from the Federation. Do you condone this man's crime, whatever it may be?"

The nature of the offense of which Max J. Osslo of San Diego, president of the Western Federation of Butchers, was convicted in the Superior Court of San Diego, was reported in the August 1 issue of this paper, and doubtless under the standard rules of journalism should have been repeated in the issue containing the Federation statement and the editorial.

Osslo, two other Butchers Union officials, four members of the Sailors Union, and another person, were found guilty of conspiring to beat up John M. Maurer Jr., business representative of the Retail Clerks in Long Beach. Osslo was sentenced to serve six months in the county jail, pay a \$1500 fine, and to go on probation for 10 years, during which time he could hold no union office and receive no union money.

The Federation statement expressed "complete confidence in the innocence of Max J. Osslo" and furthermore contended that the 10-year probation period during which he must keep out of the labor movement constituted a dangerous precedent. It was this latter point which the editorial discussed, contending that "any labor leader who incurred the extreme displeasure of the big interests of the State or of the United States could under this procedure be yanked out of the labor movement and ordered to stay away from it."

The editorial stated that the dangerous precedent "transcends in importance to the entire labor movement the question of whether any individual is innocent or guilty."

Foley asks about the nature of the evidence against Osslo, and other points about the trial. East Bay Labor Journal will await statements from the Federation on such points.

**JAMES A. CAMPBELL** was reelected president of the American Federation of Government Employees for another 2-year term in a closely contested election on the final day of the union's biennial convention in Washington, D. C. Stanley Tracy, former assistant FBI director, was his opponent.

## Carpenters No. 160 Auxiliary's Dates

By WAVA BARBER  
Press Correspondent

September 14 — The Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary 160 will hold their monthly social at 8 p.m., 761 - 12th Street, Oakland. The efficient hostesses for the gala affair will be Agnes Anderson and Eleanor Clapp. Several ladies have returned from vacations.

An exchange of items on varied travels will be enjoyed.

September 25 — Sewing will be at the home of Laura Osborne 8 p.m., 2233-A East 21st Street, Oakland. Many talented sewers and fancy workers join to make this group. Items are made for club prizes, bazaars and for various sales the auxiliary has during a year. There is a door prize for members attending.

September 28 — President Martha Light will hold the business meeting at 761 - 12th Street, 8 p.m. She will also have a pot luck dinner at her home, 2243 E. 23rd St., Oakland. On September 29, time 6 p.m. It is important all attend the business meeting and help make plans for the pot luck dinner. The men enjoy these dinners as the ladies put forth no end of talent in preparing the flavored menus.

## Good Gains Made By Rubber Union

AKRON, Ohio (AFLCIO).—Negotiations by the Rubber Workers with the Big Four of their industry have won pay increases and supplemental unemployment benefits for approximately 90,000 workers.

The U. S. Rubber Co. and the Firestone Rubber Co. came to agreement with the union well in advance of contract expirations. Goodrich and Goodyear signed contracts earlier.

The identical facts call for wage boosts of 6.2 cents an hour plus another 3 cents in supplemental unemployment benefits. The contracts were open only on the issue of wages. Talks are now in progress with smaller firms, including Seiberling, General Tire and Richardson Rubber, where similar settlements are expected.

Later this year the entire Firestone contract comes open for negotiation, but the pact with the other Big Four units will not expire until 1957.

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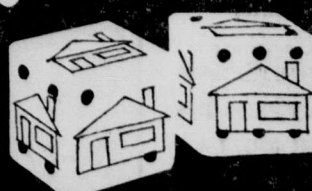
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## Convention Helps Calculator Strike

A collection netting \$1376 was taken up for the strike fund at the Friden and the Marchant business machine plants, at the Machinists international convention closing in San Francisco this week.

The delegates matched words with money in passing a motion to extend the full moral support of the convention to the thousands of IAM members on strike at the two plants.

**HOUSING STARTS** dropped sharply to 101,000 units in July, because of a sag in privately owned housing, the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. The figure was 3000 fewer than in June.

## O'Connor Stepped Up By P. O. Clerks

John F. O'Connor, for many years in Oakland, who resigned a regional vice presidency of the National Federation of Post Office Clerks to go to Washington as assistant secretary-treasurer of that union, has been elected executive vice president of it.

O'Connor was elected at the Golden Anniversary convention of the union held recently in Chicago.

Emmet C. Andrews of San Francisco was elected 11th vice president. Another Californian elected was George Wall, one of five chosen as delegates to the 1957 AFLCIO convention.

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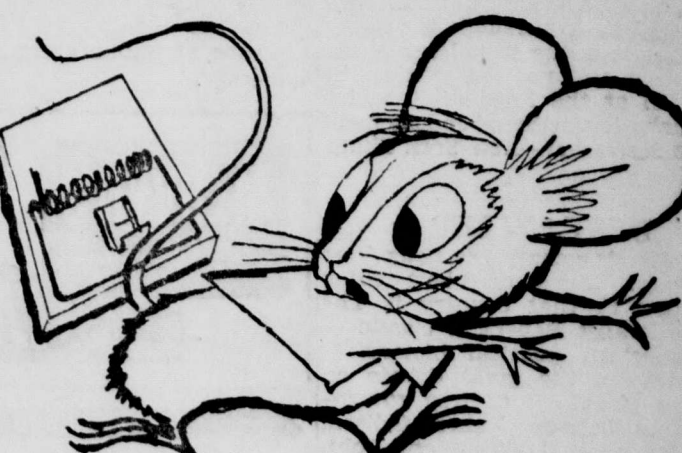
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## OPINIONS

### THE DIFFERENCE

Mendoza—I am a brigand: I live by robbing the rich.  
Tanner—I am a gentleman: I live by robbing the poor. Shake hands.—Man and Superman, by Geo. Bernard Shaw.

### W & B

Whitaker & Baxter are usually on the winning side, but it may be that they will stub their toes on No. 4.—Harry Hollins in Kern Co. Union Labor Journal.

### FAST WORKERS

Hoping to inspire his workers with promptness and energy, a business man hung a number of signs reading "Do It Now" around his factory and office. When he was asked some weeks later how his staff had reacted, he shook his head sadly.

"I don't even like to talk about it," he said. "The cashier skipped with \$1000, the head bookkeeper eloped with the best secretary I ever had; three typists asked for an increase; the factory hands decided to go on strike, and the office boy joined the navy."—Labor Railmen's Weekly.

### IN TENNESSEE

Labor editors in Tennessee were invited and attended the first full-scale executive committee meeting of the merged AFL-CIO State Council held in Nashville recently. The editors were welcomed by TSLC officials and promised the maximum in cooperation in their efforts to present labor views and official actions to the members and the public.

### GM 'TOO BIG'

"GM Is Just Too Big for the Good of Country." Such was the headline to an AP dispatch printed in a conservative San Francisco daily recently. The story that followed wasn't based on any politically inspired charges in Congress, labor dispute statements or anything else of that nature. The story was based on a report of a study by the American Institute of Management, a non-profit organization established in 1948 to appraise the management of business firms. "It (GM) is too big for the good of American businessmen who must deal with it and too big for the good of the country," the report stated.—Valley Labor Citizen.

### ROAD BLOCK

Getting an important story about organized labor, or at least one that is either favorable or objective, to the news-hungry American people is an almost insurmountable task. There are several reasons for this, but the major roadblock, of course, is that the mass news media will have no part in disseminating information that will benefit the trade union movement.—Labor Daily.

### THE JOB

...the job of wrapping around the name Eisenhower sufficient verbiage to persuade the public that it is the principles of the party, and not the grin of the man at the head of it, which make it worthy of endorsement in November.—New York Times.

### A BEST-SELLER

Here's remarkable news from Italy: The second best-selling book in that country is The Federalist Papers, a classic of American political history. It contains the great debate on the principles of free government, between James Madison, Alexander Hamilton and John Jay, just before the American Constitution was adopted. Italians, who have little money to spare, are paying the equivalent of \$2.50 for that book, which they never before have had a chance to read in their own language.

### ROUND AND WIDE

A worker too fat to bend over to pick up items from the floor is entitled to jobless benefits, the Connecticut State Unemployment Compensation Commission ruled. Setting a new precedent, the commission decided that a five-foot-four textile worker weighing 190 pounds could not reasonably be expected to pick up wool scrap from the floor and drop it in a container four feet above the floor. It's not, said the Unemployment Commission, so much "that the man is short, but that he is too round and wide."—Chicago Federation News.

## EDITORIALS

### It's Easy to Denounce Mobs When They're a Long Way Off

With the reopening of the school year much of the news from the Old South was pretty grim. Mobs of persons with backward ideas were pretty forward in the expression and demonstration of their antiquated attitudes.

But instead of safely firing off a verbal shotgun in the general direction of the Old South, let's aim a few rifle shots at happenings more immediately connected with organized labor.

No. 1. The 96,000-member Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen has been admitted to affiliation with the AFLCIO, despite the fact that the constitution of the united labor movement says that no organization shall be admitted to affiliation which has racial restrictions on membership. The Firemen & Enginemen, otherwise a very fine union, does have such restrictions.

No. 2. The AFLCIO News of September 1 reports that the Executive Council of the united labor movement has granted "approval of the agreement of the Louisiana State Labor Council to accept repeal of the State 'right to work' law for industrial workers, while accepting, as a matter of necessary economic and legislative tactics, the continuance of such a statute for the State's largely nonunion agricultural workers."

President Meany, when A. Philip Randolph of the Sleeping Car Porters voted against admitting the Firemen & Enginemen, said that "by bringing the Brotherhood into the combined labor movement, we can be of some help to the brotherhood in cleaning up remaining racial barriers."

Maybe so. We hope so.

On the Louisiana deal, it must be remembered that the bulk of the agricultural workers there are Negroes. Nor does saying that they are "largely nonunion" dispose of the matter. For when we say, "Organize the Unorganized," just what do we mean? Now that we've got our industrial workers in Louisiana, mostly white, out of the clutches of the "right to work" law, is the AFLCIO going to make special efforts to "organize the unorganized" Negro agricultural workers in the face of the handicap imposed by the "right to work" law?

### The Proposition 4 Mess

The Chronicle, with much sound political theory on its side, kids both political parties for doing so much "to avoid taking a stand on either side of Proposition 4." But however sound the abstract political theory may be, as a matter of practical politics, yes, and of practical statesmanship, it is not surprising that both parties have backed away from the issue.

The battle is largely between rival millionaires. Big outfits on both sides are hurling heavy bombs of publicity at each other. The Executive Council of the State Federation of Labor at the Long Beach convention recommended that no stand be taken on Proposition 4. When the matter got on the floor all the arguments were on the "bread and butter" question of whether or not Proposition 4 would increase or decrease the number of jobs for workers in the industry. On that basis the decision was reached to oppose the measure.

One group of Democrats, before the issue had been presented to the State convention of the party, blossomed out, especially in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, in favor of Proposition 4, and used the name Democrats in their campaign literature favoring the measure. It is doubtful whether this did either them personally or the Democratic Party collectively any good. Especially since Roger Kent, Northern California chairman of the party at the time the group was formed, and now State chairman, was one who lent his name to this support of No. 4.

Then after the Democratic Party convention at Sacramento had voted to stay out of the controversy, another group of Democrats, using the name Democrat in their publicity, was formed to oppose No. 4. This spectacle of two sets of Democrats fighting over the issue does the party no good.

Brothers and sisters, it's a mess. And there's a lot of oil flowing!

### Teachers Plan to Bargain, Not Beg

There was not a dissenting voice when General President Carl J. Megel of the AFLCIO American Federation of Teachers told the Pittsburgh convention of that union that the time has come to demand, all over the country, the right to collective bargaining. And they listened when Herrick S. Roth of Denver said:

"Collective bargaining is democracy in action. It promotes group responsibility instead of individual favoritism; it broadens rather than narrows the basis of judgments; it breeds respect and good faith in place of breeding servility; it enhances high morale and pride as opposed to smoldering and hidden dissatisfactions... Bargain, don't beg. Sit as equals at the bargaining table."

President Megel and Herrick Roth are right. It's high time that not only teachers, but other employees of "the public" began to practice democratic bargaining rather than the servile begging which arrogant administrators decked in the robe of public authority wish to condemn them to permanently.

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### Paper Local Deals Rapped by AFLCIO; One Dealer Jailed

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venue, so that matter finally went into court.  
The New York Times, in a character sketch of John Dioguardi, for that is the legal name of Johnny Dio, said that "as a lad on his native East Side he engaged in the usual boyish tricks, tipping over pushcarts until terrorized owners paid him not to, cheating his schoolmates, stealing from neighborhood merchants."

Johnny Dio went to the pen in 1937 for from 3 to 5 years for extortion.

Johnny and his uncle Jimmy had been convicted of shaking down truckmen, who had to pay him \$500 apiece a month for the right to operate in the garment district. They were also receiving a tariff for every coat and suit made in their area. It was after he got out of Sing Sing that he went into the "paper local" business.

### UNIONISM HURT

Other paragraphs of the AFLCIO Executive Council's statement on "paper locals" are as follows:

"The possession of charters covering 'paper locals' has enabled such racketeers to victimize individual workers, employers and the general public while giving a blackeye to the labor movement. They have used these charters to enter into conspiracies with corrupt employers to prevent for a price, the genuine organization of workers into legitimate unions, thus depriving these workers of the benefit of honest collective bargaining agreements."

"These racketeers also use a charter as a basis to falsely invoke the collective strength of the trade union movement for their illegitimate ends, thus demeaning the trade union's historic respect for the legitimate picket line, and injuring honest business men in the conduct of their affairs."

### Wage Like U. S. Is Gained in Canada

TORONTO (AFLCIO) — The goal of most Canadian workers—a virtual U. S. pay scale—has been achieved by 300 workers at Marmoraton Mining Corp., owned by Bethlehem Steel Corp.

The 61-cent wage boost on the three-year contract recently negotiated by the Steelworkers will bring Marmoraton wages in the lowest brackets to \$1.91½ an hour by 1958 and top rates to \$2.99½ that year. This will be just 4½ cents under parity with U. S. wages.

### Merger Doing Well, Says Pres. Meany

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merged to give effect to the idea which is basic in the trade union movement, that our movement is set up to secure for the great mass of those who work for wages in our country a fair share of the wealth that is produced under our American democratic system. That spirit of good faith has become more and more evident since we merged on the fifth of December last year."

Meany declared that trade unions under the merger are "by no means to be used to enhance the prestige, the power or the material welfare of the individuals who happen to hold positions of responsibility. That is why we have set up an Ethical Practices Committee to see that we keep our own house in order, to see to it that trade unions are run in a clean, decent, fair way, for the benefit of those represented."

Meany said that IAM President Al Hayes as chairman of the Ethical Practices Committee has taken over "the most difficult assignment that it was possible for anyone to hold under this merged Federation, and he is proceeding to do the job laid out for him as chairman of that committee in complete conformity not only with the letter and the written words of the constitution of the AFLCIO, but with the spirit of that constitution as spelled out by the preamble to it."

Discussing automation, Meany said that "if we get to the point where our production is going to be largely the result of machines running machines, then there is just one answer to maintain America's purchasing power: the same week's wages and more if necessary, with a shorter work day and a shorter work week."

Mentioning "a statement by a very prominent official of the Government that labor is contented, and that there is no question how they are going to vote because they are contented," Meany said that "I hope labor is not contented, and I hope we never become contented because if we do, we are lost."

He was referring, of course, to a statement made by Secretary of Labor Mitchell, and later he referred to such statements as "campaign bunk; we know how to discount it; we take such statement with a grain of salt." But he insisted that there is "one field in which we cannot afford to have the American people deluded, even under the excuse of political oratory, and that is the field of international affairs. That's

### Registration Ends With Many Asleep

Registration ended throughout the State yesterday (Thursday) with a great many thousands who had failed to register in Alameda county to vote in the November 6 election.

The Alameda County Citizens Voter Registration Committee, Ed Hirsch of Hayward, chairman, called attention to AFLCIO figures showing the standing of the States on the percentage of registered citizens in 1954. California was shown with a percentage of 73.4, which put it down to No. 27 on the list of States.

Many of the States which rank below California were southern States which are widely known to be discriminatory in registering potential voters. Incidentally, New Hampshire is No. 1 on the list, with a 96% figure. Virginia is at the bottom, with 36%.

the problem that overshadows every other problem."

### 3-POINT PROGRAM

He dismissed as "complete and absolute bunk" optimistic contentions of the GOP Administration that "things are better, that the international situation is better, that the march of Communism has been stopped, that all of this started in Geneva in July of 1955."

He insisted that labor must be on the alert against Communism both at home and abroad, and that labor's three-point "program at this vital turn, this vital stage in our affairs," is as follows:

1—Keep militarily strong enough to deter and if necessary to turn back aggression.  
2—Assist those less fortunate than us, to build up their economies so that they, too, can make a contribution toward the maintenance of freedom.

3—On the domestic front, keep our economy strong. See to it that the purchasing power of America which comes in large measure from the pay envelopes of the workers is maintained so that we can buy our great production.

### Adlai Addresses Machinists' Convention After Big Ovation

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Eisenhower in his first State of the Union Message said that "the individual must have safeguards against personal disaster inflicted by forces beyond his control," yet when the Democrats in Congress produced a bill covering the disability proposal, "he (Eisenhower) proclaimed it 'unwise and unwanted.' He threw the whole weight and power of his Administration into an effort to defeat it. He failed."

"In the same way," added Stevenson, "Mr. Eisenhower and a majority of Republicans who talk feelingly now about the minimum wage law, opposed the raising of the minimum wage to one dollar—but that action was put through with Democratic votes."

Stevenson said it was characteristic of the Republicans that they "gave 91% of their 1954 tax cut to the corporations and the wealthy and only 9% to families with incomes under \$5000."

### MARTIN DURKIN

He referred also to the resignation from the Cabinet of the late Martin Durkin of the State of Illinois, and how Durkin had been "promised that the Taft-Hartley Act would be revised, softening many of the anti-labor sections, but it never was. Again, there were pious words. Again, there were some proposals. But again, when the chips were down, the Republican leaders forbade any changes."

The Republican leaders, the speaker said, "are willing to let President Eisenhower go ahead and deliver speeches. But when they get down to something important, like making appointments to the National Labor Relations Board, they take no chances. The real nature of a party, the real center of its power, is revealed, not in what it says, but in what it does."

Referring to the speech made the day before to the convention by AFLCIO President

Meany, Stevenson said that he "endorsed most heartily" Meany's statement that "straight talking is particularly important today in the field of foreign affairs. Mr. Meany said in blunt language that the statements we have been getting from the Administration are a fraud."

"Why don't they tell us the truth?" demanded Stevenson. "Why don't they tell us that the menace of Communism is growing, that neutralism is spreading, that the realities are grim, and that we can lose the cold war without even firing a shot?"

Instead, Stevenson said, the Republicans sit complacently by and "say that all is well." He declared that such tactics "seem to me lamentable, dangerous, insincere, and putting political advantage, partisanship, far ahead of the ultimate understanding of the American people."

### DEMOS AND LABOR

As a "final point, which President Meany also touched on," the candidate cited the charge by Republicans, "between election years, that the Democratic Party is too close to labor." He declared:

"If this charge were true, it would seem to me no offense. Through the years, not only labor but many other groups of Americans and the Democratic Party have found themselves united in the pursuit of common aims and mutual ideals. What is more natural than the feeling of kinship between the working people of America and the Democratic Party? As a Democrat, I am not ashamed of this association. I am proud of it."

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